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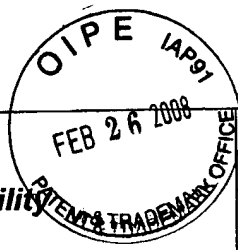
Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/800,740
Applicant: Apotex Pharmachem Inc.
Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TORSEMIDE AND RELATED INTERMEDIATES
CUSTOMER NO. 23607
DUE DATE: February 29, 2008

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance dated November 30, 2007, a copy of which Notice is enclosed herewith for your reference, Applicant encloses a cheque in the amount of **\$1740.00 USD** made payable to "Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office" which sum is comprised of the issue fee (\$1440. USD) and publication fee (\$300. USD) for a large entity. Should there occur an overpayment or and underpayment of fees in respect of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to access Deposit Account Number 08-3255 to make the appropriate adjustments.

Applicant also submits a completed PTOL-85 Issue Fee Transmittal Form.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you date-stamp and return to this office at the earliest opportunity.



Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Raymond Covington	1625	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/6/07.
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,7,9-13.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - ☐ All
 - ☐ Some*
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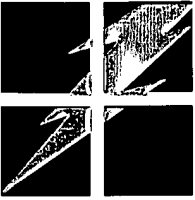
- ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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 - ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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We thank the Commissioner for his cooperation in this regard and look forward to obtaining an issue fee receipt in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures

- 1) Cheque \$1740.00 USD
- 2) Verification Card
- 3) Form PTOL-85
- 4) Copy of Notice of Allowance dated November 30, 2007